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PSC SETS HEARING SCHEDULE IN THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY RATE CASE

Jefferson City (June 21, 2004)---The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold hearings in **December** in an electric rate case filed by The Empire District Electric Company. **Hearings will be held December 6-10, 2004 and December 13-17, 2004.**

These hearings will be held in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, in Jefferson City. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans With Disabilities Act. If a person needs additional accommodations to participate in the hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or dial 711 for Relay Missouri prior to the hearings.

The Commission will hold local public hearings in this rate case. Times, dates and locations will be announced by the Commission in a separate order.

On April 30, 2004, The Empire District Electric Company filed an electric rate case with the Public Service Commission seeking to increase annual electric revenues by approximately \$38.3 million. The Company states that for the average residential customer using 750 kilowatt-hours of electricity, the proposed increase would be approximately \$13.44 a month.

The Empire District Electric Company serves approximately 136,900 electric customers in the Missouri counties of Barry, Barton, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Greene, Hickory, Jasper, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, Polk, St. Clair, Stone and Taney.

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